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Il Poverello

The newsletter of the SS Francis and Clare Fraternity
of the Third Order of St. Francis

*O holy Father, protect those in Your name (John 17:11) whom You have given to me
in the world; they were Yours and You have given them to me. (John 17:6)
And the words which You gave to me I have given to them...*

St. Francis of Assisi

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Something to Consider

With large-scale upheavals and natural disasters threatening the peace, stability, and safety of so many worldwide, now might be a good time to remember the patron saints of the countries afflicted and request their assistance:

Cuba, which has suffered under Communist, atheistic oppression for decades, and which is one of our closest neighbors, places itself under the protection of *Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre*, or Our Lady of Charity.

Haiti, also a close neighbor, has endured a powerful earthquake once again. Their patron saint is Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Haiti is predominantly Catholic and is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with most living in extreme poverty.

Afghanistan has been turned over to the Taliban, which is one of the most dangerous terrorist organizations in the world. They specifically target Christians and women for persecution and cruel, inhumane treatment. Afghanistan is under the protection of St. Thomas the Apostle, who evangelized India and western Asia.

Our own United States has endured deadly wildfires and catastrophic hurricanes, and relief is unlikely for the near future. Our beloved patron saint is Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

In your kindness, please pray and ask the intercession of these holy saints for all those who suffer danger and possible death.

Fraternity Council

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**Next Gathering –
Sunday, September 19
1:30 PM
St. Nicholas
Byzantine Church
1051 Robinson Ave.
Barberton, OH 44203**

Franciscan Quote of the Month

*“To heal the breach between the rich and the poor,
it is necessary to distinguish between justice and charity.”*

St. Pope Pius X (1835-1914) Feast Day – August 21
**Priest, Bishop, Pope, Promoted Frequent Communion & Confession,
Lowered the Age to Receive Communion, Third Order Franciscan**



Eucharistic Adoration



Sunday

Betty DeMarco, TOF

Monday

Rose Akins, TOF
Louise Daniel, TOF
Virgil Daniel, TOF
Judith Hoyt, TOF
Judith Inglesby, TOF

Tuesday

Michael Butts, TOF
Chris Devore, TOF
LeeAnn Devore, TOF
Eileen Dunlap, TOF
Rick Dunlap, TOF
Therese Harper, TOF
Larry McNutt, TOF
Lucy McNutt, TOF
Linda Menser, TOF
Maria Elena Meza, TOF
Roberto Meza, TOF
Carol Perrine, TOF
Cindy Russo, TOF

Wednesday

Judith Inglesby, TOF
Bill Marshall, TOF
Jim Miller, TOF

Thursday

Joanne Angeletti, TOF

Friday

Robert Burtscher, TOF
Linda Menser, TOF
Debbie Ventosa, TOF
Pepe Ventosa, TOF

Saturday

Susan Kramer, TOF

*The apostolate of daily Eucharistic Adoration is **VITAL** to our Fraternity. It does not depend only on the 26 brothers and sisters listed above and is not only limited to one day. If you wish to take a place on the Adoration list, please contact Susan Kramer. When you find yourself at church, say a prayer of adoration to our good Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.*

September Anniversaries and Birthdays

Profession Anniversaries

None this month!



Birthdays

Fr. Dennis Arambasick, OFM – 9/3
Pat Hurley, OFS – 9/3
Rose Zaratsian, TOF – 9/10
Larry McNutt, TOF – 9/17
Virgil Daniel, TOF – 9/22

Stand for Life



Therese Harper, TOF and Mike Butts, TOF will represent the fraternity September 18 for the Stand for Life. The following are the guidelines to keep in mind: **Remember to use the residential parking around the corner, and not business parking or Acme's parking – you will be towed. It may be easier to pray without distractions across the street, rather than in front of the clinic. Also, be sure to remain on the sidewalk at all times. If you are unable to fulfill your commitment, find a substitute. *NEVER* go alone to the clinic – pray from home if your partner will be absent and you cannot find a substitute.**

Sweet Caroline's Baptism

Caroline Poletti, who was born to newly-Professed Matt Poletti and his lovely wife, Jess on July 5, will be Baptized on Sunday, September 12 at 2:30 PM at St. Paul Parish, 241 South Main Street, North Canton. Matt and Jess invite all of us to witness this beautiful Sacrament, which will be celebrated by Fr. Vit.

There will be a reception following at Price Park, 1000 West Maple Street, in North Canton, at the pavilion nearest the entrance. Chicken and jojos will be provided, but sides will be gratefully accepted! Please RSVP by Saturday, September 10 at the latest, to Debbie Ventosa, TOF (330-806-6382) if you plan to attend – and God bless and protect little Caroline!

*Remembering the Franciscan manners we follow in imitation of our good St. Francis, if you are not feeling well or have been around others who exhibit COVID or other respiratory infection symptoms, please consider viewing the Baptism virtually via the St. Paul Parish website – thank you!



Hospitality and Little Portion

Our September Hospitality will be provided by Mary Dye, TOF; Betty DeMarco, TOF; and Rosie Zaratsian, TOF.

The September Little Portion will be prepared by Therese Harper, TOF. ***We need someone to deliver the Little Portion, which will include part of our meal that we share.**

The Little Portion Apostolate ministers to the homeless and street people of Canton and Akron by providing a simple meal of sandwiches, fruit, and anything individually wrapped for our brothers and sisters in Christ – usually at least 2 meals. You may also add small sized toiletries such as Purell, liquid soap, religious articles, etc. Or you may want to deliver the offering. If you are interested, please see Roberto Meza, TOF.



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.

Right to Life Ministry – Stark County Fair – by Roberto Meza, TOF

Our Franciscan participation at the Right to Life booth at the Stark County Fair covered the full opening time on September 4, which was Labor Day. It included members of our Fraternity and two members of the OFS Eucharistic Fraternity of Canton, Ohio. Betty DeMarco TOF and Roberto Meza TOF were present from 10 AM to 2 PM. Then Bob Burtscher, TOF, Nancy Nicholas SFO and Mary Joseph SFO were present from 2 PM until 6 PM. Finally, Roberto and Maria Elena Meza TOF were present from 6 PM until 9:30 PM. This year the Right to Life booth coordinators were Jim and Sandy Griffin, who on behalf of the Canton group appreciated our participation. It was wonderful to work with our OFS brothers and sisters for such a vital cause!



Soldiers of Christ

Our Isolated Tertiaries now have a newsletter, entitled Soldiers of Christ. Please take a look at it on our website (www.thirdorderfranciscans.com) under the "From the Province" tab in the menu bar.

A Message from Father Gastor Bahati Temu, Diocese of Moshi, Tanzania

Dear Mama Susan, and my Beloved Friends,

RE: A NOTE OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION OF YOUR LOVELY CONCERN IN FOSTERING & SMOOTHENING MY WAY TOWARDS PRIESTHOOD

Cardinal greetings from the bottom of my heart, also from my family especially my Mother and from Moshi Diocese - Tanzania.

The heading above is hereby referred to.

I am so grateful to God for His Love, Protection and above all, for the gift of Priesthood which He has given me. I also thank God because of you.

In the second place, I really don't know what to say, what, which, word, phrase will suffice to explain my sincere thanks to you. I am looking for the word that can explain your love to me but I am ending up in saying thanks a lot, thank you so much friends and God Bless you, "Asanteni sana sana".
"Deo gratias"

Thank you again for the good wishes and the encouraging messages which you wrote to me, as well as the gifts which you gave through Mama T. O. Bennett like a lot of Rosaries, a unique Chalice, spiritual book, Crucifix, money, to mention but a few. Thank you a lot. I have shared them with First Communion students at my parish and also with my family and other Christians. I have attached some pictures of students to whom I have given Rosaries and they promise to pray for you. Thank you Mama Susan, thank you Denise Williams, Kenneth Green, Laibe TOF, Adolf, Devore, Rose TOF, Mary, Angeletti, Bob Burtscher, Carol TOF, Maria Elena, Michael Butts, Julia Tarulli, Pepe, Jim, Rose Akins, and all Friends, thank you so much. Please, please forgive me, for I am trying to read the names from the card you sent me. Please don't feel bad for writing them incorrectly. It is out of Love.

Again, I am grateful to God for the gift of Priesthood. After the ordination, I have been appointed to be the bishop's secretary, but I have to go for the secretarial courses in Nairobi - Kenya for three (3) months; from 12th September 2021 to 12th December 2021. For me it is a very heavy work, I didn't expect it to happen in my life, but I only rely on the Grace of God. I still asking of your prayers so that I may fulfil well and smoothly my responsibilities.

On the other hand, please be sure of my prayers. May the Good Lord grant you all the Graces and Blessings you need in your daily life.

With thankful heart and Much Love, I remain,
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Gastor Bahati Temu.



Website Updates – by Pepe Ventosa, TOF

We have a few new documents on our website (www.thirdorderfranciscans.com). You can find these in the “From the Province” tab on the menu bar. These are:

- Letter from the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown
- Letter from the Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL, Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland
- The first edition of the monthly newsletter of the Isolated Tertiaries

We invite you to visit our website on a regular basis for updates and as a tool for Ongoing Formation.

2021 Franciscan Hike at Cuyahoga Valley National Park – by Pepe Ventosa, TOF

Our annual Franciscan Tertiaries hike took place on Labor Day, Monday, September 6 at the Ledges Trail in Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

We had a total of 16 participants, with members from Our Lady of America and Ss. Francis and Clare Fraternity, along with some of the McCausland's children. We were blessed with a sunny day with temperatures in the low 70's, perfect hiking weather. Halfway through the hike we stopped in a secluded area of the trail surrounded by huge rock walls where we prayed and had some time for ongoing formation. We studied the encyclical *Rite Expiatis*, written in 1926 by Pope Pius XI on St. Francis of Assisi. We focused on different aspects of Franciscan spirituality mentioned in the encyclical, such as *life according to the Gospel, the role of Divine grace, humility, the apostolate and St. Francis' love of creation*, followed by questions and group discussion. We concluded by praying the Cantic "Let all creatures praise the Lord" (Daniel 3). After the hike we met for lunch at Fisher's in Peninsula

We all had a wonderful time of Franciscan fellowship while enjoying God's gifts and hope to repeat the outing next year.



Franciscan Hike



September 6, 2021



The Ledges



Cuyahoga Valley National Park



Lord, It Is Good for Us to Be Together!

We celebrated our annual fraternity picnic on August 15, which also served as our August Gathering. Once again, we enjoyed the generous hospitality of Fr. David Durkee and Queen of Heaven Parish, where we have met for our picnic for the last few years. God blessed us with a beautiful, clear summer day, as well as the presence of one of our beloved Isolated Tertiaries, Sandy Baden, TOF and her husband Ted, who travelled all the way from California to be with us! Fr. Durkee, who has been a real friend to our fraternity, also joined us for a meal and a chance to chat. And we were delighted to see Brother Max, who accompanied Joanne Angeletti.

Bill Marshall brought fried chicken, and as usual, we had plenty of food to share and time to catch up with one another. After our meal, many of us walked up to the Blessed Mother grotto and prayed the Franciscan Crown Rosary, which was especially appropriate on the Feast of the Assumption.

Here are some memories, courtesy of Roberto Meza, TOF and Pepe Ventosa, TOF:

← **Mary Dye, TOF; Bob Burtscher, TOF; Bill Marshall, TOF; Kenny Green, TOF; Mike Butts, TOF; Annie Butts; and Therese Harper, TOF**



Ted Baden; Sandy Baden, TOF; Betty DeMarco, TOF; LeeAnn and Chris Devore, TOF →



Joanne Angeletti, TOF & Brother Max →



The McCausland Family and Teresa Ventosa →



Cathy McCausland & Jesse Kuhn enter the Postulancy after being Inquirers, led by Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM and Acting Minister Roberto Meza, TOF →



← Matt Poletti, TOF; Caroline Poletti; and Jess Poletti

Remember, please try to be present for the September Gathering! We will be having Council Elections!

Save the Date (September, the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows)

September 19	September Gathering (St. Nicholas Byzantine Church, 1:30 PM)
October 3	Transitus (Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Shrine, Youngstown, 6 PM)
October 4	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
October 13-17	Retreat with Confraternity of Penitents (Huntington, Indiana)
November 1	Feast of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)
November 13	Day of Recollection

Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out His compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.

**St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)
Carmelite, Mystic, Religious Reformer,
Doctor of the Church**

